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1. PER REFTEL, A VARIETY OF NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES COULD BE MET IN TERMS OF EFFECTIVE PROGRAMMING IF POST HAD ADEQUATE FUNDING TO UNDERTAKE PROJECTS WHICH OFFER POTENTIAL FOR CONSIDERABLE IMPACT AND IMPROVEMENT OF CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH PANAMA.

2. WE BELIEVE HOST GOVERNMENT WOULD BE RECEPTIVE OF EXCHANGES OUTLINED HEREIN: (A) THREE OR FOUR SPANISH-SPEAKING AMERICAN MUSICIANS FOR ONE-YEAR RESIDENCE WITH PANAMA NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (USSR CURRENTLY HAS FOUR MUSICIANS HERE) AND, SIMULTANEOUSLY, THREE OR FOUR ENGLISH-SPEAKING PANAMA SYMPHONY MUSICIANS FOR RESIDENCE WITH U.S. SYMPHONY ORCHESTRAS; (B) YOUNG U.S. SPANISH-SPEAKING CONDUCTOR FOR NASCENT YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (NATIONAL CULTURAL INSTITUTE (INAC) HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS) TO BE FUNDED IN PART BY INAC; (C) SPANISH-SPEAKING U.S. EDITOR FOR SIX-MONTH RESIDENCE WITH GOP NEWSPAPER'S STAFFS AND, CONCURRENTLY, PANAMANIAN EDITOR PLACED WITH MOST IMPORTANT SPANISH-SPEAKING DAILY IN U.S.; (D) RESPECTED PANAMANIAN INTELLECTUAL FOR ONE-YEAR RESIDENCE AT U.S. UNIVERSITY, I.E., UNIV. OF TEXAS, TO PURSUE U.S. STUDIES AND OFFER PANAMANIAN SEGMENT OF LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES (CHAIR) AND U.S. PROFESSOR TO PURSUE PANAMANIAN STUDIES, I.E., RESEARCH AT UNIVERSITY OF PANAMA AND ESTABLISH

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CHAIR IN AMERICAN STUDIES HERE.

3. PRIVATE SECTOR LIKELY TO BE RECEPTIVE TO SUPPORT OF NON-GOVERNMENT EXCHANGES, I.E., PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE EXCHANGES OF SHORT DURATION AND MAXIMUM IMPACT TOGETHER WITH EXCHANGE OF NATIONAL FOLKLORE PERFORMING GROUPS.

4. SUGGEST ALSO ESTABLISHMENT OF A CORPS OR STABLE OF RETIRED (WELL-KNOWN) ARTISTS, MUSICIANS, SCIENTISTS, ETC., WHO WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATIONS, LECTURING, PERFORMANCES, WORKSHOPS, AND OTHER ALLIED ACTIVITIES NEEDED BY HOST COUNTRY IN DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF ITS CULTURAL OBJECTIVES. (SIMILAR TO IESC BUT USG-SPONSORED.

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